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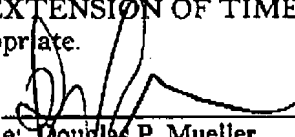
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Dear Sir:

Applicants provisionally elect Group I (claims 17-20 and 23-26) in response to the Restriction Requirement of May 31, 2007.

Applicants do not concede the absence of a "single inventive concept" as asserted in the Restriction Requirement. Claims 17-20 and 23-26 relate to a method of producing transgenic indica rice varieties and the invention claimed in claims 21, 22, 27 and 28 relate to a method of conferring increased tolerance to environmental stress in rice plants. Thus, the method of producing transgenic rice varieties is linked to the method of increasing stress tolerance to environmental stress in the rice plants as one is a method of generating a trait specific transgenic variety. Moreover, Applicants respectfully disagree with the alleged relevance of the Tanaka reference to the present invention.

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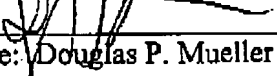
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